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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of:

Inventor(s) : Satoru BUSHIDA *et al.*  
Serial Number : 09/484,424  
Filed : January 18, 2000  
For : APPARATUS FOR LOCKING BENDING MECHANISM  
THAT BENDS REFLEX TYPE WAVELENGTH  
Examiner : Armando Rodriguez  
Group Art Unit : 2828

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**PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

November 20, 2003

Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136, applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time for filing a response to the Official action mailed July 21, 2003. The Official action mailed July 21, 2003, set forth a three-month period for response. Accordingly, this petition for a one-month extension of time extends the due date for filing a response to November 21, 2003.

A check in the amount of ONE HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS (\$110.00) for the one-month extension of time fee is attached hereto.

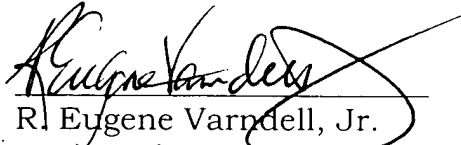
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In the event this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee therefor, as well as any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment, to our deposit account No. 22-0256.

Respectfully submitted,  
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